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Acontia (anatomy)

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In [cnidarian](#) anatomy, **acontias** (singular **acontia**) are threadlike tissues, composed largely of [stinging cells](#) located in the [coelenteron](#) of certain [sea anemones](#). They are thrown out of the mouth or special pores when irritated.^[1]

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